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Patent

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In re Patent Application of

Teresio Signaroldi et al.

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Title: IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO UNDERWATER PIPE-LAYING

Group Art Unit: 3677

Examiner: Katherine Mitchell

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

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☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☒ Also enclosed is/are copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 3, 2003 and a postcard receipt

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____
on _____
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	43	MINUS 25 =	18	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 324.00
Independent Claims	10	MINUS 3 =	7	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 602.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 926.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 926.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 926.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.


The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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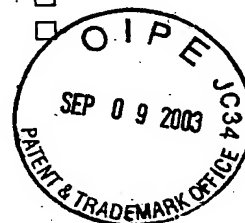
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- ☐ Amendment or Response
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Reply Transmittal Letter
- ☐ Petition for _ Month Extension of Time
- ☐ Submission of Formal Drawings w/ _ sheet(s) of drawings (Fig(s). 1-_)
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes w/ _ sheet(s) of red ink drawings
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ Brief for Appellant
- ☐ Request for Oral Hearing
- ☐ Reply Brief
- ☐ Response to Restriction Requirement or Election of Species
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer

- ☐ Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)
- ☐ Transmittal Letter for Missing Parts of Application
- ☐ Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☐ Assignment/Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1595)
- ☐ Claim for Convention Priority w/ _ certified copy(s)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement w/36 document(s)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Citation (PTO-1449)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter
- ☐ Request for Corrected Notice of Recordation of Assignment w/copy of Notice
- ☐ Request for Continued Examination

- ☒ Check for \$ 180.00 is enclosed
- ☐ Check for \$ _ is enclosed
- ☐ Charge \$ _ to Deposit Account
- ☐ Issue Fee Transmittal
- ☐ Payment of Issue Fee and Authorization to charge Deposit Account
- ☐ Request for Refund
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